

out to them. It's really hard. It's the hardest thing I've ever seen.

NOTE: The interview began at approximately 5:20 p.m. The President spoke by telephone from Camp David, MD. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this excerpt.

Statement Announcing Funding for Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

July 16, 2000

Earlier this week, we learned that there has been exciting new progress in our quest to understand the root cause of and to possibly prevent Alzheimer's disease. In the absence of successful efforts to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease, the number of our citizens afflicted with this devastating condition will more than triple over the next 50 years—from 4 to 14 million Americans.

Today I am pleased to announce that the National Institutes of Health, through the National Institute on Aging, will dedicate \$50 million to new research on the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, with a particular emphasis on the development of a vaccine to prevent the disease. This research, which builds on the encouraging findings reported this week at the World Alzheimer's Congress 2000, provides new hope not only for Americans who are at risk for developing Alzheimer's disease in the future but for those who are already in its early stages.

It is more clear than ever that the Nation must continue its strong bipartisan support for biomedical research on the causes, treatments, and cures for Alzheimer's disease and other diseases affecting millions of Americans. Our public investment has and will continue to yield extraordinary advances in treatment. However, these treatments will not be available or affordable to millions of older Americans and people with disabilities if the Congress does not pass a meaningful Medicare prescription drug benefit this year.

I am pleased that there is growing bipartisan support for a real Medicare drug benefit—not a flawed private insurance model. Just as we have worked in a bipartisan manner to support biomedical research, we must

do so for a long overdue Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Memorandum on the 2000 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area

July 14, 2000

Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Subject: 2000 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area

I am delighted that the Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater has agreed to serve as the Chair of the 2000 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area. I ask you to enthusiastically support the CFC by personally chairing the campaign in your agency and appointing a top official as your vice chair.

The Combined Federal Campaign is an important way for Federal employees to support thousands of worthy charities. Public servants not only contribute to the campaign but also assume leadership roles to ensure its success.

Your personal support and enthusiasm will help positively influence thousands of employees and will guarantee another successful campaign.

William J. Clinton

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 17. An original was available for verification of the content of this memorandum.

Statement on the Community Reinvestment Act

July 17, 2000

The Community Reinvestment Act is helping to increase homeownership, create new jobs and businesses, and rebuild our country's inner cities and rural areas. Today's Federal Reserve Bank study of banks' and thrifts' CRA lending confirms that these loans are profitable and bring other benefits to banks as well. In part due to CRA, many banks and